

EXAMINER INTERVIEW

On December 29, 2003 Agent for Applicant, Joel D Youngs, and Examiner Lee conducted a telephone conference. During the telephone conference Mr. Youngs and Examiner Lee discussed the above-referenced Application and the response to the restriction requirement addressed in the previous response to the office action. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Lee for taking time for the telephone conference.

REMARKS

Election / Restrictions

In the telephone discussion of December 29, 2003, the Examiner has required an election of the species. For purposes of expediting the prosecution on the Application, the Applicant is hereby electing species e – Figure 9A. Applicant is not making a statement that the species are patentably distinct and is also not making a statement that the species are not patentably distinct. However, to expedite the prosecution of the application, Applicant is hereby selecting species e without traverse.

Conclusion

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests examination of the Claims. Claims 10-38 are cancelled. Claims 1-9 remain pending.

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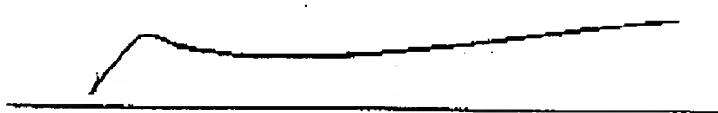
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The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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